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Amendment and Response Under 37 C.F.R. §1.111

Mail Stop Amendment
 Commissioner for Patents
 P.O. Box 1450
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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated May 17, 2005, setting a three month shortened statutory period for response, please amend the above-identified patent application as follows.

Amendments to the specification begin on the next page. Amendments to the claims are reflected in the listing of claims begin on the next page. Remarks begin on page 4. This response contains no amendments to the specification. Further examination and reconsideration are respectfully requested.

Submitted herewith are an English translation of the German priority document DE 101 14 985.9 filed March 26, 2001, and a verification of the translation. An official copy of the certified copy of the priority document from the German Patent and Trademark Office has been ordered, and will be submitted upon receipt.

A formal Petition to extend the shorted statutory to September 17, 2005, or as necessary to avoid abandonment of the application, is appended, but the Office may consider this statement to be a substitute petition and authorization to charge Deposit Account No. 50-1038 in the event that the formal petition is missing or defective.